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Dear Parents:

As required by the Illinois School Code and the Illinois Department of Public Health, please note the following health requirements according to each grade level. **We encourage parents to get the necessary health examination and immunizations and submit the forms to school before Memorial Day.**

**Preschool:**

- Proof of health examination, including health history completed by the parent
- Proof of required immunizations per Illinois School Code (*Title 77, Part 665, Section 665.240*)
- Proof of the three-dose Hepatitis B vaccine series

**Kindergarten (or the first grade attended):**

- Proof of health examination, including health history completed by the parent.
- Proof of required immunizations per Illinois School Code (*Title 77, Part 665, Section 665.240*)
- Proof of the three-dose of Hepatitis B vaccine series
- Proof of eye examination
- Proof of dental examination

**Second Grade:**

- Proof of dental examination

**Sixth Grade:**

- Proof of health examination, including health history completed by the parent
- Proof of required immunizations per Illinois School Code (*Title 77, Part 665, Section 665.240*)
  - *If a student turns 11 years old during his/her 6th grade school year, then the physician must write a letter/provide a schedule stating that the student will receive his/her Tdap and/or MCV4 during the 6th grade school year when he/she turns 11 years old. This letter/schedule must be submitted to the child's school prior to October 15th to be considered compliant.*
  - *Proof of the three-dose Hepatitis B vaccine series*
- Proof of dental examination

**New Students to District 58:**

- All new students who are first-time registrants shall have 30 days following registration to comply with the health examination and immunization regulations per Illinois School Code (*Title 77, Part 665, Section 665.240*)
- Any student entering an Illinois school for the first time shall present proof of an eye examination.

### **Health Examination**

The health examination must be completed within the previous year of the start of the current school year and the form returned to school. **We encourage parents to get the necessary health examination and immunizations and submit the forms to school before Memorial Day.**

Failure to comply with these requirements by the end of the day on **Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, or 30 days following registration for first-time registrants**, of the current school year will result in the **student's exclusion from school** until such requirements have been met. All sections of the child examination form must be completed including the health history, which must be completed by the parent.

Please consult with your doctor or school nurse on required immunizations. Information is also available on the District website at <http://dg58.org/health-services/>.

### **Dental examination**

All children in **kindergarten, second and sixth grades** must present proof of having been examined by a licensed dentist within the past 18 months **before May 15<sup>th</sup>** of the current school year in accordance with rules adopted by the Illinois Department of Public Health, or the parent may present proof that a dental examination will take place within 60 days after May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Eye Examination**

All children enrolling in kindergarten, and any student enrolling in a public or private school for the first time, are required to have an eye examination. Proof of having been examined within the previous year before October 15<sup>th</sup> of the school year is required, or the parent may present proof that an eye examination will take place within 60 days after October 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Exemptions**

In accordance with rules adopted by the Illinois Department of Public Health and State law, a student will be exempted from this policy's requirements on religious or medical grounds if:

1. The student's parents/guardians submit a Certificate of Religious Exemption signed by the student's health care provider starting October 16, 2015,
2. The student's physician provides written verification on medical grounds explaining exemption,
3. For the dental examination requirement, the student's parents/guardians show an undue burden or a lack of access to a dentist, or
4. For the eye examination requirement, the student's parents/guardians show an undue burden or a lack of access to an eligible physician.

If the cost of the health examination is beyond the resources of a family, the school is often able to put the family in touch with an agency to help defray such expenses. Please contact the building principal for more information.

Sincerely,



Dr. Kevin B. Russell  
Superintendent

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